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*Quarantine transactions for the month of December, 1902—Continued.*

## PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued:	
To United States ports.....	1
To foreign ports.....	4
To domestic ports.....	124
Total.....	129
Number of vessels inspected:	
From foreign ports.....	7
From domestic ports.....	126
Total.....	133
Number of passengers inspected:	
Cabin.....	237
Steerage.....	1,394
Total.....	1,631
Number of crew inspected.....	3,383
Persons quarantined for observation—suspects and contacts.....	22
Persons bathed and effects disinfected.....	22
Vessels remaining in quarantine from November.....	0
Vessels in quarantine.....	1
Infected vessels disinfected.....	1
Vessels remaining in quarantine December 31.....	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected and so labeled.....	38
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	0

## PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued:	
To foreign ports.....	2
To domestic ports.....	250
Total.....	252
Number of vessels inspected:	
From foreign ports.....	4
From domestic ports.....	243
Total.....	247
Number of passengers on arriving boats inspected:	
Cabin.....	243
Steerage.....	2,825
Total.....	3,068
Crew of arriving boats inspected.....	3,548
Vessels in quarantine.....	0

## OUTGOING QUARANTINE.

Number of vessels remaining in quarantine from November.....	0
Vessels entering quarantine during the month.....	1
Vessels sailing for infected ports without quarantine inspected and passed.....	120
Vessels discharged from quarantine.....	1
Vessels disinfected.....	1
Vessels remaining in quarantine December 31.....	0
Crew entering quarantine.....	7
Cabin passengers entering quarantine.....	0
Steerage passengers entering quarantine.....	0
Crew inspected.....	3,335
Passengers inspected.....	119
Persons bathed and effects disinfected.....	7
Cases of quarantinable diseases occurring among persons in detention, cholera.....	2
Pieces of baggage disinfected and so labeled.....	52
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed.....	3,366

*Quarantine transactions at Iloilo.*

Assistant Surgeon Gwyn transmits the following under date of December 27, 1902:

## Week ended December 27, 1902:

Vessels remaining in quarantine from last week.....	0
Vessels entering quarantine during the week.....	0
Vessels discharged from quarantine during the week.....	0
Vessels inspected and passed during the week.....	63
Crew entering quarantine during the week.....	0
Cabin passengers entering quarantine during the week.....	0
Steerage passengers entering quarantine during the week.....	0
Crew inspected during the week.....	751
Cabin passengers inspected during the week.....	22
Steerage passengers inspected during the week.....	516

*Quarantine transactions in Iloilo—Continued.*

Week ended December 27, 1902—Continued.

Cases of cholera occurring among persons in quarantine .....	0
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed .....	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected .....	0
Vessels remaining in quarantine at 7 p. m., December 27 .....	0

Vessels for clean ports are held five days; for infected ports inspected and bills of health granted.

The CHIEF QUARANTINE OFFICER.

*Weekly report of outgoing quarantine at Manila, P. I., instituted for the protection of other Philippine ports on account of the prevalence of cholera in Manila, weeks ended January 10, 17, and 24, 1903.*

	Jan. 10.	Jan. 17.	Jan. 24.
Vessels remaining in quarantine from last week <sup>a</sup> .....	3	2	0
Vessels entering quarantine during the week .....	4	4	1
Vessels discharged from quarantine .....	5	6	0
Vessels sailing for infected ports without quarantine inspected and passed .....	73	61	88
Crew entering quarantine during the week .....	118	87	38
Cabin passengers entering quarantine during week .....	8	2	4
Steerage passengers entering quarantine during week .....	12	75	0
Crew inspected during the week .....	2,469	2,035	2,191
Passengers inspected during the week .....	860	1,376	941
Vessels disinfected during the week .....	0	0	0
Vessels remanded to Mariveles Quarantine Station .....	0	0	0
Cases of quarantinable diseases occurring among persons in detention, cholera .....	0	0	0
Pieces of baggage disinfected .....	1,081	809	327
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed .....	347	252	108
Vessels remaining in quarantine at end of week .....	2	0	1

<sup>a</sup> Vessels for clean ports are held in quarantine five days before being allowed to sail and inspected daily; vessels for badly infected ports are inspected and cleared without quarantine.

The SURGEON-GENERAL.

TURKEY.

*Status of cholera in Damascus.*

The consular agent at Damascus reports, February 3, through the consul at Beirut, as follows: There were 205 deaths from cholera in Damascus during last month, as furnished to me by the sanitary physician of this city. Of this number, 17 were soldiers.

I have to-day interviewed Nazim Pasha, expressing to him your deep interest in his efforts to put a stop to the epidemic and a hope that the authorities will be able to show a clean sanitary state before a fortnight hence, to enable American tourists to visit Damascus in the approaching season.

His excellency has requested me to convey his thanks to you for the interest you have taken in the matter, and referred me to Boukowski Pasha, who was at the time with his excellency and delegated by His Imperial Majesty the Sultan to stamp out the epidemic from Syria and Palestine.

They have both informed me of having made an appeal to Constantinople for the removal of the quarantine from Mrejat, but the board of health declined to give an order to that effect, having unfortunately received from certain quarters inaccurate information about the disease. Their excellencies declared to me that quarantine was established only by the mutessarrif of the Lebanon in conjunction with the vali of Beirut, and that efforts are being made to induce the governor of the Lebanon to remove it, as was done on a previous occasion. Boukow-